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RAMSGATE CHATHAM HOUSE COUNTY SCHOOL FOR BOYS

(Evacuated to Stafford)

RAMSGATE CLARENDON HOUSE COUNTY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

(Evacuated to Stafford)

AN EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF SPECIAL PLACES AND FOR ADMISSION to the above-named Schools will be held on Saturday, the 7th March, 1942, beginning at 9.30 a.m.

Children living in Kent who were born in the calendar year 1931 and who seek admission either as Special Pupils or Fee-Paying Pupils should enter for the examination.

Forms of application and particulars may be obtained from and must be returned to Mr. P. Bowling, Technical Institute, Longport-street, Canterbury, not later than Saturday, the 24th January, 1942.

Kent children who have been evacuated to areas outside Kent will be examined in the area in which they are residing. Parents of evacuated children should not apply for application forms as special arrangements will be made by reception authorities.

P. R. MORRIS
Director of Education.

CITY OF CANTERBURY and COUNTY OF KENT EDUCATION COMMITTEES

Junior Technical School for Boys

AN EXAMINATION for the AWARD OF SPECIAL PLACES for ADMISSION to the above-named School in SEPTEMBER, 1942, will be held on SATURDAY, 7th MARCH, 1942, at the TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, LONGPORT STREET, CANTERBURY, at 9 a.m.

Candidates for Special Places must be British Subjects, and their parents must be bona-fide residents in the respective areas of Canterbury County Borough or the County of Kent. Admission to the examination is open to boys born during the calendar year 1929. Where possible, arrangements will be made for candidates who have been evacuated to take the examination in the places in which they are now living.

Forms of application may be obtained from THE PRINCIPAL, CANTERBURY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, and must be returned not later than SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1942.

R. H. STEVENS,
Director of Education.

12 St. George's-place,
Canterbury.

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

PURCHASE OF OLD METALS

THE Ramsgate Town Council invite tenders for the purchase of surplus scrap metals as and when they become available.

Full details, conditions of contract and form of tender are obtainable from the Borough Engineer, Charendon House, Ramsgate.

No tender will be accepted except in a plain sealed envelope bearing the words "Tender for surplus scrap metal," but not bearing any name or mark indicating the sender.

Tenders must reach the undersigned on or before the 22nd January, 1942. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.

H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

8th January, 1942.

THEY LOOK FIT

THANET PRISONERS' PICTURES

The majority of local men who are prisoners of war in Germany are now sending home photographs of themselves taken in group pictures.

A photograph sent to his mother at Birmingham by Pte. Bruce Seatle, The Buffs, of Margate, showed him among 20 of his comrades all stripped to the waist and looking very fit. Since it was taken the weather has changed and when he wrote on 2nd November Pte. Seatle said "We have had snow this week-end but I am much better equipped for this winter than last." He is at Stalag XXI D.

Taken prisoner at Dunkirk, Gnr. James T. Milgate, R.A., of Crescent-road, Birchington, who is at Stalag XX A, has sent home a photograph showing him among a group of 18 taken in battle dress under a tree in a field.

Mentioning that there are other Thanet men in the group and that a Ramsgate man sleeps in the next bunk, Gnr. Milgate adds that he is working on a farm, has a good boss and gets good food.

LOWER INTEREST RATES

As local authorities are now authorised without specific Treasury consent to renew or replace mortgages at rates exceeding 3½ per cent., Margate Town Council have given instructions for notices to be served requiring the repayment of loans at rates in excess of 3½ per cent., subject to an offer to renew loans at the prevailing rates of interest.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	5.46 p.m.—8.31 a.m.
Wednesday	5.47 p.m.—8.31 a.m.
Thursday	5.48 p.m.—8.31 a.m.
Friday	5.50 p.m.—8.30 a.m.
Saturday	5.51 p.m.—8.29 a.m.
Sunday	5.52 p.m.—8.28 p.m.
Monday	5.54 p.m.—8.27 a.m.

PILLAGING BY SOLDIERS

LOOTING ON THE COAST SHOCKS RECORDER

"This has got to stop," said the Recorder (Sir Gerald Dobson), referring to housebreaking by soldiers, at the Central Criminal Court, on Friday.

"It is abominable conduct," said Sir Gerald. "It is bad enough for people to be driven out of their homes by the enemy, without having another enemy pursuing them in the form of alleged defenders of their security. This pillaging by soldiers on the coast has become unbearable. Even apart from that, the number of cases here is large."

The comments were passed during the hearing of charges of looting at Westgate alleged against Pte. Ernest Hipkiss, aged 31, committed for trial by Margate magistrates in December, who was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

Hipkiss had been committed on three charges of looting premises at Westgate in an area subject to enemy attack which had been left unprotected in consequence of war operations, two of which had been damaged by war operations.

The premises were Dilkoosha, Searoad, from which it was alleged he stole four sheets, a hand mirror, hair brush, 12 knives, a box of handkerchiefs and six apostle spoons, together valued at £6, the property of Miss Fanny Mayfield; Sea Grange, Sea-road, stealing a costume, two vases and 42 tablets of soap, valued at £6 15s., the property of Mrs. Beatrice Inglis; and Longford, Searoad, stealing three masonic medallions, a paw brooch, gold teapin and six spoons, valued at £2, the property of Mrs. Fanny Pitt Hall.

There was a fourth charge of assaulting Edgar James March, a war reserve constable, in the execution of his duty.

Hipkiss pleaded guilty to all the charges.

Mr. B. H. Waddy, for the prosecution, said the premises entered by the accused were all private hotels or boarding houses which had been shut up and left by their owners as a result of the war. Accused apparently entered Dilkoosha by breaking a scullery window. Sea Grange by removing a waterproof covering from a rear ground-floor window, and Longford by breaking a side window. All the property stolen was found in the man's kit with the exception of a costume, which he sent to his wife at Cambridge.

Police Officer Felled.

As a result of robberies in that area a police officer in plain clothes kept watch on 24th November and saw accused come from another house in a road quite close to Sea-road. When spoken to the man said he had gone to the back of the house to go to a latrine. The officer went to the back of the house with the man and noticed a scullery window was broken, while on the sill there was a stone. He told Hipkiss he was a police officer and would detain him. The man immediately hit the officer in the face with his fist, sufficiently hard to fell him. There was a struggle on the ground in which the man broke away and escaped, but he was eventually caught and his kit searched.

In addition to the three premises which he was charged with entering, Hipkiss admitted a list of 14 outstanding cases of a similar nature which he desired to be taken into consideration.

"In this Kent coastal area," added Mr. Waddy, "there is a very large number of houses which have been left empty but with furniture remaining in them. Many of them were evacuated in June, 1940, upon the collapse of France."

The Recorder: Yes. I know the circumstances.

D/I Cory, Margate Borough Police, produced the list of 14 other cases which accused admitted. Some of the premises entered, he said, were in Sea-road, and in some cases the offence was of breaking and entering with intent to steal. In the first instance property was stolen. All the houses were full of furniture and effects.

The Recorder: What did he go in them for? Food?

Witness: No, my lord. From one place he stole a pair of gloves. From another a bottle of scent and from another four five-shilling pieces. He also stole a cheap bracelet and two gold watches.

The Recorder: Is he normal mentally?

Witness: So far as I know, my lord.

No Apparent Reason.

Inspr. Cory said Hipkiss joined the Regular Army in January, 1930, and after serving in India left in February, 1938. He was then employed as a labourer and was recalled to the colours on the outbreak of war. There were no previous convictions against him in a civil court.

The Recorder: What is his Army character—good, bad or indifferent?

Witness: Indifferent.

What was his reason for doing this? —There appears to be no reason, my lord.

Was he trying to get out of the Army, do you think?—I don't think it was that. There does not appear to be any reason at all. He started arrived in the district. He came on 10th November and cases were reported to us a week later.

When asked if he had anything to say, Hipkiss said he only wished to ask for the leniency of the court. "I have a wife and children," he said between sobs. "I would like to go back in the Army."

"You do not cut a very heroic figure now, although in that uniform," remarked the Recorder. "The time to think about those things was before you committed these offences. That was the time to think of your wife and children. Now it is too late. You could not do this sort of thing without knowing that the penalty has to be paid when you are caught. When you were caught you assaulted an officer by striking him. That does not assist matters in your favour at all."

Hipkiss: I had head injuries before in a lorry accident and had been under observation.

"The only thing in your favour," said the Recorder, "is that you have no previous convictions. You have a good character and service behind you.

"Were it not for your good character," continued the Recorder to accused, "you would have to go to penal servitude. I shall not do that because this is the first time you have stood in the dock. I hope I am not being too lenient when I pass upon you a sentence of 18 months' imprisonment."

At the police court hearing it was stated that the officer assaulted by Hipkiss was W/R March. Breaking away from the officer a second time, he ran along Sea-road, Westgate, and across some allotments into Carlton-road West. The officer borrowed a bicycle to give chase and saw Hipkiss cross the golf links and climb on to the railway line. W/R March gave the alarm to Margate police station from a pillar and P/C Farley joined W/R March to continue the chase. P/C Farley caught up with defendant and arrested him.

MARGATE RATES

TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

The rates levied by Margate Corporation will remain unchanged for the financial year 1942-43.

The report of the Finance Committee, presented for confirmation at a meeting of the Council to-day, stated that the existing rate of 13s. 9d. (general rate) and 1s. 9 3/5d. (water rate) would remain unaltered for the next financial year and that the procedure for the submission of details of the draft estimate would be similar to that adopted last year.

BUFFS SEEK REVENGE

COLONEL CAPTURED IN LIBYA

So anxious were the Germans to make sure of holding the colonel of The Buffs captured in the present campaign in Libya that they sent him to Europe in a submarine.

The acting-colonel commanding the remnants of the gallant East Kent battalion which made such a fine stand at Gazala, has sent the following message home:

"Tell them The Buffs are still The Buffs, and always will be. We had a hard knock but are re-forming, and it won't be long before we are back in the line again and then we will have our revenge."

A company-sergeant-major said: "I last saw our colonel sitting beside a tank, his face covered with blood, smoking his pipe and giving a running commentary on the battle over the telephone to the brigadier in a perfectly calm and collected voice."

It is now learned that the colonel, his adjutant and many others are not dead, as was feared, but are prisoners.

OLD LADY'S FALL

DEATH IN HOSPITAL

Following a fall at her home last week, Mrs. Eliza Sherman, aged 75, a widow, of 48 Princes-road, Ramsgate, passed away at Ramsgate Hospital on Sunday night.

It appears that Mrs. Sherman fell down the stairs at her home at about four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and it was some seven hours before she was found by a neighbour lying beside a couch in the front room.

She was taken to hospital suffering from a fracture of the thigh.

The facts have been reported to the Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) and an inquest is being held this afternoon.

CHRISTMAS IN STAFFORD

ST. GEORGE'S GIRLS' CELEBRATIONS

Christmas celebrations for the girls of St. George's Schools, Ramsgate, finished with a very jolly party held at Riverway School, Stafford.

Among other end of term and holiday attractions was the school carol service. This consisted chiefly of old favourites but included several new carols sung by the lower forms.

Both departments—boys and girls—attend evensong every week at St. Mary's Church, when the Boys' School provide the choir. The last service of the term was a carol service, with a particularly good readering of the Czech Bird Carol.

The Christmas entertainment held by the Girls' School made a thoroughly enjoyable finish to a satisfactory term. The programme included a fairy play by Form I produced by Miss Lake, nursery rhymes in French produced by Miss Parsons, various solo items (piano, songs, recitations), and community singing conducted by Miss Brooks.

The Mayor of Stafford invited the school to the Odeon Cinema for a special holiday performance, which the girls greatly appreciated.

Ramsgate provided tea for two Christmas parties, one of which was held in each week of the holiday, and the members of the staff prepared tea and arranged very popular programmes of games and competitions.

SHOT SOLDIER

RAMSGATE REVOLVER TRAGEDY

Following the sound of a shot, a soldier was found dead in his room at his quarters at Ramsgate on Monday morning.

He was Sgt. John Roberts, aged 42.

When colleagues entered the room they found Roberts lying dead in bed with a wound through the head. By his side lay a revolver.

The circumstances have been reported to the Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson), who is holding an inquest this afternoon.

MAYOR WANTED TO KNOW

GIRL WITHOUT IDENTITY CARD

When Lucy Margaret Davies, aged 17, of Ash-grove, Cimla, Neath, Wales, was summoned at Ramsgate police court on Monday for failing to produce her identity card when requested to do so, the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kemper), who presided, said he would be interested to know how the girl got into the town. "I have a desire of a job to get into the town myself sometimes," said the Mayor.

Defendant wrote pleading guilty to the offence and expressing her regret.

P/S Wait said that at 9.30 p.m. on 9th December he visited a house in Cheriton-avenue to see defendant about another matter. He asked her for her identity card and she replied "I have not got one. I have not had one for some months." She said she had come from Wales and would be returning in four days. He told her to get a new card as soon as she returned to Neath and then produce it to the police there.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): How did she get into?

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler): She should not have been here at all but we have taken no action in regard to that.

Checked on Arrival.

In reply to the Mayor, the Chief Constable said defendant had come such a long way than they could not send her back the same day. She was checked on arrival at the railway station and subsequently went back.

The Mayor: They are pretty hot on it as a rule.

Asked whether defendant had produced her card to the police at Neath, the Chief Constable said that according to his latest information she had not done so. Officers down there had called on her twice. She said her brother had thrown her identity card on the fire and burnt it. He was afraid some people did not appreciate the importance of having a registration card. It was valuable to people as a check on their own movements.

The Clerk: How did she get the new ration books?

The Chief Constable: I don't know.

The Chief Constable said the serious aspect was that defendant had her card some time previous to coming to Ramsgate and went about without travelling to get a new one.

Replying to a further observation by the Mayor, the Chief Constable said it was impossible to check every one on every road. The onus was on the person coming to a restricted area.

The Mayor: I have always found the police very exacting in their duties. They have pulled me up.

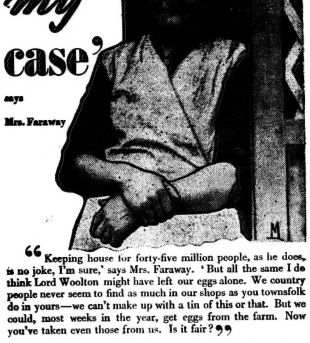
The Chief Constable: I am pulled up myself very often by my own officers.

Defendant was fined 5s.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR MARGATE

Under the special scheme of Government assistance, Margate Corporation have to date received the sum of £150,900.

The amount advanced in respect of December was £4,400.



'Take my case'

says Mrs. Faraway

"Keeping house for forty-five million people, as he does, is no joke, I'm sure,' says Mrs. Faraway. 'But all the same I do think Lord Woolton might have left our eggs alone. We country people never seem to find as much in our shops as you townsfolk do in yours—we can't make up with a tin of this or that. But we could, most weeks in the year, get eggs from the farm. Now you've taken even those from us. Is it fair?"

Do you remember, Mrs. Faraway, that in the winter of 1917-18 eggs cost as much as 9d. each? A very few could afford them. The others had to go without. In this war, too, in the towns, many people never had sight of an egg before the present scheme. Is it fairer for a very few people to have as many eggs as they please, or for everybody to have his two or three a month?

And as for buying 'a tin of this or that'—well, Mrs. Faraway, the Ministry of Food has made that possible for you now with the Points scheme.

Mind you, we don't pretend that everything in the garden is always lovely, Mrs. Faraway. Things are bound to be difficult in war-time and we have our troubles and make our mistakes too. We know you're doing a grand job on the Kitchen Front—so

thank you,
Mrs. Faraway!

FOOD FACTS No 77 THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1.

NUTRITION IN TINS

SCIENTIFIC FEEDING

Nutritionally, canned food compares favourably with cooked. In order to ensure good quality, articles to be canned are selected with care and canned almost at once before they have lost any of their nutritive value. Fruit and vegetables are often processed within a few hours of being picked. Pro essing or sterilisation is done with scientific care, and this results in less loss of nutritive value than when food is cooked on an open range.

Chemically there is little risk of contamination from the tin of the can. Articles, such as acid fruits, which might attack tin, are packed in lacquered cans which give a high degree of protection. Nowadays little or no solder is used to seal the ends of food cans, and there is no risk of it contaminating the contents.

Bacteriologically, canned food is less likely to be infected than fresh food. Not only is it handled less, as most of the preparation is done by machinery, but it is sterilised after having been packed in the can. Cans are carefully tested by the makers before release to ensure that sterilisation and closure are perfect.

The life of canned foods varies with the article, the presence or absence of a suitable protective internal lacquer, and the temperature and the humidity of the storage places. The latter not only affects the external condition, since damp may lead to rusting and eventually to perforation. Cans are made from tinplate, which is a pure steel sheet coated with pure tin.

Whenever a can of food is bought for storage, and not for immediate consumption, the date of purchase should be written in ink on the label.

Storage Life.

Fruits.—One year is the usual time for the storage of canned soft or stoned fruits kept in a cool place. If kept longer, the food value of the pack is not impaired, but it may appear less attractive and the natural acidity of the fruit may attack any scratched or otherwise damaged parts of the lacquer on the can.

Honey and jam should keep at least three years in lacquered cans.

Vegetables in lacquered cans store well for at least two years. If kept longer the appearance may become less attractive but the food value remains unchanged. Baked beans in tomato or gravy do not deteriorate in appearance and keep longer than two years.

Fish (specially sardines and salmon) keep for over five years, as do most meat packs (sausages, meat rolls, gabantines, tongues, soups). Canned hams present a special problem in food preservation and the packer's guarantee is usually only six months. If, however, after storage, the can is not bulged the contents are usually sound.

Condensed milk keeps for varying periods according to the sugar content. Unsweetened milk keeps in good condition for about three years, and sweetened full cream milk remains unchanged for six to nine months, after which time it may become sugary but this slow crystallisation is in no way objectionable.

Dried milk powder may be sold in packets or tins. Its keeping quality depends on the amount of moisture and butter fat which it may contain, and also on the method of packing. It should be used within a few weeks of receipt.

Damaged cans.—A "blown" can may be detected from the fact that one or both of its ends will be bulged and cannot be pushed back to the normal position. A rust hole, puncture, or a defective lid is also a sign of danger.

All blown and leaking cans should be unhesitatingly discarded, and even if the can looks sound the contents should not be eaten if they have an unusual smell or colour.

Open cans.—It is usual to turn the contents of a can into a glass or earthenware receptacle, but there is no health reason for doing so. Foods do not deteriorate more quickly in open cans than in glass. Cans of condensed milk, which if not to be used at once are often opened by making two punctures in the lid, may be sealed by sticking two small pieces of paper over the holes by means of a drop of the milk. This will prolong the life of the contents.

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ABSENT FIREMAN

Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a week a summons against Ernest William Spain, aged 28, a fireman, of Rosebery-avenue, Ramsgate, alleging that he failed to immobilise a motor car on the 3rd December.

As defendant did not appear and failed to send an explanation to the court the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kemper), who presided, announced that if he was not present the following Monday a warrant for his arrest would be issued.

If it's News ring Ramsgate 1012.

More British Prisoners

The above picture of British prisoners of war at Stalag IID was sent home by Gnr. Allan Robert Darby, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Darby, of Smetrol, Ramsgate-road, Broadstairs. Gnr. Darby is on the extreme left in the front row.

He joined the Army four months before the outbreak of hostilities and was drafted to the Middle East shortly before Christmas, 1940. He was reported missing in June last year but his parents received a card from him in October to say that he was a prisoner of war.

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FOR SALE

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CURRY'S New Year Bargains.—Ladies' Cycles, £8 12s. 0d.; Gents' Cycles, £8 9s. 6d.; Battery Radios from £5 19s. 6d.; Dolls' Prams, £6 19s. 6d.; Tricycles, £2 12s. 6d.; Electric Irons, 17/6; Baby Folders, 30/6; also good stocks of Torches, Toys, Dart Boards and Cycling Capes and Leggings; Accumulators charged, 4d. each.—Curry's Ltd., 28 High-street, Ramsgate.

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BOARD Residence or Apartments wanted for couple with child, 3 years; preferably someone with child for companionship.—Write, stating terms, Box 659, "Advertiser" Office, Ramsgate. †83

THE NATION NEEDS
WASTE PAPER—SAVE IT

TARGETS EXCEEDED

RAMSGATE GROUP SAVINGS

The organisers of Ramsgate's National Savings "Tank Before Christmas" campaign have every reason to be satisfied with the effort.

The target aimed at was £20,000 for a Churchill tank, and the total sum saved was £29,000.

All the savings groups did excellent work and in the majority of cases increased their membership. The most startling result was that of the Southern Railway Staff group. Their target was £100 and the total saved £1,360 6s. 9d. During the period the membership of the group increased from 53 to 97.

Other group results are:

Chilton—total £178 4s.; target £70 (membership increased from 60 to 64).

County Laundry—£151 7s.; £150 (increase 62-90).

Ramsgate General Hospital—£528 14s.; £100 (group formed 1st November, membership now 54).

Ramsgate Borough Police—£568 6s.; £100 (increase 32-34).

P. G. Houghton—£87 12s. 6d. (increase 32-34).

Estate House—£109 7s. 6d.; £50 (increase 60-80).

Newington—£39 5s. 6d. (increase 30-38).

F. W. Woolworth—£52 12s. 6d.; £50 (constant).

Cavendish Baptist Church—£41 4s. 6d. (constant).

Wardens—£140 15s. (decrease 49-41).

Middle Hereson—£26 17s. 6d. (increase 33-41).

Crescent-road—£93 9s. (constant 30).

"East Kent Times"—£50 5s.; £35 (decrease 21-19).

Dee-an-Ess—£208 3s. 6d.; £150 (increase 50-71).

Liverpool-lawn—£24 4s. (group formed 11th October, membership by Christmas 34).

Haine—£8 12s. (group formed last week in November, membership by Christmas 36).

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NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

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News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.

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TECHNICAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION

An examination for the award of special places for admission to the City of Canterbury and County of Kent Education Committee's Junior Technical School for Boys will be held at the Technical Institute, Longport-street, Canterbury, on 7th March.

Forms of application may be obtained of the Principal, Canterbury Technical Institute.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

BASEMENT BARGAIN

By T. C. BRIDGES

Betty Trevor burst in upon James Acland just as he was finishing his breakfast in his lodgings.

"Jim, they're saying you've bought Crendon Lodge. Who started such a crazy rumour?"

Jim got up, wiped his mouth with his napkin, took Betty in his arms and kissed her fondly and deliberately.

"You're looking perfectly lovely, darling," he said, in his pleasant drawl. "I don't know whether it's the frosty weather or excitement but——" Betty cut him short.

"I'm asking you a question, Jim. Who started this crazy story?"

"It happens to be true, my dear." Utter dismay widened Betty's fine grey eyes.

"But what for? What did you pay for it?"

"Eleven hundred pounds, including the contents."

"For that old ruin. You must be crazy," wailed Betty. "It's nearly all your capital. How can we ever get married?"

"Pretty soon, I hope," said Jim and, going across to the writing table, pulled out a drawer, extracted a small shabby looking diary, opened it, and handed it over. "Read that, my dear." Betty read and again her eyes widened, but this time with wonder.

"Four thousand in gold! But—but it's not there, Jim. It can't be." Jim smiled slightly.

"I have every hope it is there," he said quietly. "Uncle Adam was queer in some ways, but he was no fool, especially about money. I never could understand why he left me only a couple of thousand pounds. I always thought he was comfortably off. Then ten days ago I found this diary. You see what he says.

"'Sold £4,000 worth of War Loan. Bought sovereigns. Feel sure the country is going off gold. That means big increase in price of bullion. Shall hold for rise.'" Betty had a bewildered look.

"You don't mean—?"

"I do. Uncle Adam was run down by that lorry and killed before he had time to cash in on his deal, and, since I was abroad at the time, I knew nothing about it. Nor apparently did anyone else. So it's fairly obvious that the gold is in his old house and if it is I know where it is hidden."

"But surely you could have got it without buying the house," Betty remonstrated.

"I couldn't. Old Tuke took care of that. I tried to get a lease on the same terms as Uncle Adam. Nothing doing. Anyhow he turned me down flat, and in the end I had to get Fleming to buy the house for me and pay his commission."

"And the gold, Jim—is it there?"

"I don't know. I got possession only to-day. I was going round after breakfast to have a look-see. Now you're here you'd better come with me." Betty clasped her hands tensely.

"Let's go at once. Oh, Jim, if it is there we shall be rich."

"I'll just finish my coffee," Jim said. "The gold won't run away."

"But suppose Tuke has found it?"

"Not likely. Even if he knew of it. No one who hadn't lived in the house would have a notion where to look for it."

Betty was fussing to get on, but Jim refused to be hurried. He was always very sure of himself—a bit too sure, Betty sometimes thought. He finished his coffee, got a hat and a coat, for it was a cold morning, then they started.

The Hiding Place.

Crendon Manor was half a mile outside the village of Parslow where Betty Trevor's father was doctor and where Jim Acland lived in rooms and performed the duties of cashier in the local branch bank. The bank did not open until ten, so he had time to inspect his purchase.

On this chilly morning the house where Adam Acland had lived was a sorry sight.

"Eleven hundred for this old ruin!" moaned Betty, but Jim refused to be downcast. At the door he stopped and looked all round.

"Want to be sure no one is about," he said. "That big brute, Brill, who calls himself Tuke's butler, has been watching me for the last few days."

Jim opened the door with a latchkey and stood aside for Betty to enter. Inside, the house was worse than out. Paper was peeling from the walls of the small square hall, and Betty shivered in the chill dampness of the deserted place.

Jim went through into a passage leading to the back of the house, stopped at the last door on the right, opened it, and switched on a torch. The light showed stone steps leading to the basement, and Jim led the way down. The room below was not a cellar, for it was boarded and lit by a window from an area on the north end of the house, but the only furniture was a rusty stove and a number of pegs on the wall.

"Uncle Adam used it as a drying-room," Jim explained. "You know how keen he was about fishing. He kept his rods here, and bait and all sorts of odds and ends. It's the last place any burglar would try," he added with a grin.

He went across to a built-in cupboard in the wall, and with some difficulty opened the door. Damp had swelled the wood, and Jim had to use strength to force it open. Inside were old waders, broken rod tops, worn-out creels, all sorts of fishing tackle. Jim dumped them all out, thrust his finger through a knot hole, gave a heave, and up came the whole bottom of the cupboard. Lying flat on his stomach, he reached down. A heavy bag came up. He flung it jangling on the floor. Then a second bag.

"Here we are," he said. "This seems to be the lot." Betty's fingers shook as she untied a bag and looked in.

"Sovereigns!" she breathed.

"And each worth thirty-odd shillings and some pence. Don't forget that!" said Jim.

"Oh, Jim, we're rich!"

"Just over six thousand, six hundred pounds!" Jim agreed. "Yes, it's enough to marry on. All the same, I grudge the eleven hundred I paid to that old skinflint, Tuke."

"Never mind that," said Betty, gazing entranced at the bags of gold. "Let's take the money to the bank." Jim shook his head.

"Far too heavy, my dear. And think of the sensation we should cause, humping bags of sovereigns through the village. We'll put them back and come for them this evening. Len will lend us his car."

"We can get the car now," Betty said.

"No time," Jim told her, glancing at his watch. "I'm due at the bank." Betty made a fresh appeal.

"Jim, you can't leave all this money here. Think if it was stolen!" Jim smiled tolerantly.

"It's been here five years. Pity if it can't stay safely for one day more. Come on, old thing!" He dumped the bags back into their hiding-place, closed the trap, piled all the rubbish back into the cupboard, rose to his feet, and dusted off the knees of his trousers. Then he led the way upstairs.

Taking the Risk.

A competent young man was Jim Acland, but a trifle cocksure. If he had seen the look on Betty's face as she followed him upstairs it might have made him think. But naturally he did not see it because she was behind him.

"I'll come round about half-past six," he promised as he left her at the gate of her father's house. "You'll ask Len for the car?"

"I'll be ready," Betty promised and Jim hurried on to the bank. He had plenty to do and the day passed quickly. When he got away he went back to his diggings for tea and for once hurried over his meal. It was just half-past six when he reached the Trevor's house, to find a small saloon car at the door. Betty was inside and a sturdy youth, brown-haired and grey-eyed, at the wheel. He was Leonard Trevor, Betty's younger brother, a medical student.

"You are a lucky dog, Jim," was his greeting.

"Give me credit for a bit of sense," Jim answered with a laugh.

"Oh, you've got a head all right," Len allowed as he let in the clutch.

It was a dull, chill evening and nearly dark when they reached Crendon. Len shivered.

"Ugh, what a place! Must be stiff with ghosts."

"I'm not psychic," said Jim. "Stay here with Betty, Len. I'll fetch the stuff."

Inside the house it was so dark Jim had to use his torch, and despite his boast the gloom and the chill of the empty place were so oppressive that they affected even his sound nerves. He wasted no time in clearing out the cupboard and raising the trap; then, as before he had to lie flat to reach the bags in their deep recess. He had lifted the first and had his hand on the second when he heard a slight sound behind him. Before he could even turn round something hard and heavy crashed on the back of his head and he dropped into blackness.

II

All Square.

"Jim! Jim!" Betty's anxious voice was the first thing of which Jim became aware. He opened his eyes to find her sitting on the floor with his head pillowed in her lap.

"Gosh, my head aches," he muttered, and then he remembered.

"Betty, you were right and I was wrong," he confessed. "I suppose they got the lot!" Betty looked down at him.

"Are you much hurt, Jim, dear?"

"Nothing to make a song about. Praise be, my head's hard. But the gold?"

"Both bags are gone, but Len saw the man leaving. He's gone after him." Jim sat up suddenly.

"Was it Brill?"

"It was too dark to see, but it was a big man. And he knew the way for he took the wood path." Jim got up in a hurry and for a moment leaned dizzily against the wall. The giddiness passed and he spoke.

"We must go after Len. Brill's dangerous. Come, Betty." She had to help him up the stairs but, once outside, the cold air refreshed him.

"We'll go straight to Tuke's place," he said. "You drive, Betty."

Buckleigh, where Amos Tuke lived, was less than half a mile away by the wood path, but a full mile by road. It was one of those tall, narrow Georgian houses, and stood in a walled garden with yews and laurels round it. Betty pulled up a little way from the gate and at once her brother came out from under the shadow of the wall.

"It was Brill," he whispered quickly. "I followed him and he never saw me. He's only just gone in." Jim chuckled softly.

"Good for you, Len. It looks as if we were in time. Are you coming in with me?"

"Rather. And I kind of think I'm carrying a spanner."

"Jim," Betty broke in urgently. "You're not fit—not after that blow on your head Come back with me. It will be all right."

"It's going to be perfectly all right," Jim cut in. "Sit tight, my dear. We shan't be long." A moment later he was in the porch pressing the bell. An elderly woman opened the door.

"Mr. Tuke is not at home, sir," she said curtly, and tried to shut the door. But Jim already had his foot in it.

"You are mistaken," he said. "We have an appointment with Mr. Tuke."

"He told me——"

"Yes, I know," Jim said. "He told you to say he was not at home. Never mind. We'll take all the blame." He pushed past and went straight down the passage. He knew the house, knew even the door of Tuke's study. He turned the handle quietly, and he and Len stepped in together.

Taken by Surprise.

The surprise was complete. Tuke was sitting at his desk, facing the door, with Brill standing in front of him. The two canvas bags lay on the desk. Tuke was a scrawny man of sixty with yellowish hair and pale eyes set close on either side of a thin sharp nose. At sight of his visitors he fell back in his chair, his lower jaw dropped and he stared as if he could not believe his goggling eyes.

Brill came round as if on a pivot and he, too, gaped. But he did not waste much time in gaping. His great arms shot out and he came at Jim with a rush. He never reached Jim. The weighty spanner which Len carried rapped Brill's thick skull and his fifteen stone came to the floor with a crash that made everything in the room vibrate.

"Thanks, Len," said Jim. "You needn't hit him again. He won't move until the interview is over." He turned to Tuke.

"Have you anything to say, Mr. Tuke?" he asked politely. Tuke looked as if he would have liked to say a lot, but all he did was to make unintelligible noises.

"He hasn't any remarks to make," Jim said. "Len, ring up the police station." Len stepped across to the telephone which was on Tuke's desk. Tuke flung up his hand.

"No! Not the police!" he cried hoarsely.

"You take my money," Jim said. "Your thug lays me out and you and he rob me. You can't expect to get away with that, Tuke."

"Take the money and let me go," Tuke begged. "I—I can't go to prison."

"You mean you are to get off scot-free, Tuke," Jim said. "And leave me with that white elephant of a house on my hands."

"I'll buy it back. I haven't cashed your cheque." He opened a drawer. "Here it is." Jim looked at Len.

"What do you think, Len? Isn't this compounding a felony or something like that?" Len grinned.

"Take it Jim. Take it and say no more about it." Jim took the cheque and tore it up.

"All right, Tuke. We'll call this a fine and let it go at that." He picked up one of the heavy bags. "You take the other, Len."

"They're not worth bothering about," Len said. He pulled out a knife and slit a bag. Out tumbled a mass of metal washers and old iron. Jim's face was a study. So was Tuke's. Len burst out laughing.

"The gold's at home, Jim. Betty and I removed it this morning. She called your bluff and now you've called Tuke's. I think we're all square."

THE END.

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

HIS AIM ACHIEVED

SOLDIER'S THREE-YEAR SENTENCE

A sentence of three years' Borstal treatment was passed at the Central Criminal Court on Wednesday on William Frost, aged 21, a private in the Army, whose home is at Ramsgate.

Frost had been committed for trial by the Cinque Ports magistrates on a charge of entering an unoccupied house damaged by enemy action at Broadstairs and stealing a tin of baked beans, the property of Maj. T. A. Moss, of Seacroft, Rosemary-gardens.

When seen by D/C Self at Ramsgate police station, where he was awaiting an escort as a deserter, Frost said "I want to get out of the Army. I did a job on you at Broadstairs." When told he would be charged with looting, he said "That's more serious. I ought to get three years for that."

GALLANTRY IN LIBYA

MARGATE TERRITORIAL WINS MILITARY MEDAL

The first Margate Territorial to be honoured for gallantry in this war, L/Bdr. Edward Lionel Billinghurst, R.A., has been awarded the Military Medal in connection with operations in Libya.

L/Bdr. Billinghurst, whose wife resides in Cliff-avenue, was severely wounded in the left arm during the German offensive in North Africa last May and was still in hospital in November. A recent letter stated that he was making good progress.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Billinghurst, of Walsall, L/Bdr. Billinghurst, who is 24 years of age, came to Margate in 1935 to work as a carpenter and joiner with a firm of builders of which his uncle, Mr. M. E. Billinghurst, is a member, and lived with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Billinghurst, of 14 Wellis-gardens.

Joining the local Territorial battery of the Royal Artillery during the crisis of 1938 he was called up on the outbreak of war. After about 12 months' service with the battery in various parts of England he was drafted to the Middle East.

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THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

IN PEACE AND WAR

By RUPERT CROFT-COOKE

That phrase has something epic about it, something rolling and eternal, which few combinations of words can catch. "World without end," "The power and the glory," "The fruits of the earth," "The freedom of the seas," these are brave and infinite in their implications. And of them "The freedom of the seas" has been heard most often and most significantly of late.

President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, both lovers of the sea, with more sense of naval warfare than all the leaders and tacticians of the Axis between them, have both used it in several momentous speeches, and Roosevelt especially never speaks the words without a kind of passionate emphasis.

Perhaps for the United States more than for us "the freedom of the seas" must be a conscious war aim. In Great Britain it is taken for granted. The Battle of the Atlantic, the most critical contest of the war, has never moved us to anxiety as the Battle of France or the Battle of Britain did. As the Germans over-ran France, as the German planes swarmed over our coast, we were aware of the menace, we felt threatened.

The Battle of the Atlantic, which at one time ran so perilously against us, has never raised a tremor in England. And although politicians have continually tried to harrow us by accounts of its dangers, we have awaited its outcome with impatient certainty. After four hundred years of sea supremacy we are incapable of feeling seriously threatened by the submarine. That may have had its disadvantages, and certainly the dangers of sea traffic in war-time cannot be too often stressed, for we have, and do, and always shall take the freedom of the seas for granted.

There has been no corresponding phrase, and indeed no corresponding ideal, to inspire our fighting on land. "Democracy" is too loose a term, with too many applications, to serve as a clarion call to several million men, thousands of whom might not even describe themselves as democrats. And although we realise that our personal freedom depends on our winning the war, that becomes a part of a negative ideal, so that we struggle to escape the Nazi yoke, to destroy a revolting tyranny, rather than in the hope of a new age of freedom in which the rights of man will receive their due reverence. That struggle, we know, is yet to come.

Living With Freedom.

True, propaganda has done its best with the word freedom, but to us landsmen still badgered and cribbed by petty regulations, tripped and throttled with red tape, freedom has a less ringing and convincing sound than it has to seamen, who have actually lived with it all their lives. For that is the point—they know freedom, not as we do, a hope, a dim beacon, and eternal aim, but as an everyday corollary of their calling. There is a freedom of the seas that has nothing to do with submarines or seaplanes, the freedom of the sailor to be, to live, to behave, without the footling irritations of officialdom under which, in peace as in war, we have existed.

This is another, a less easily defined freedom. It expresses itself in little ways, in odd but significant things. The free and rolling gait of the sailor on land, his easy fluttering clothes, his untaxed tobacco and liquor, his boisterous independence in speech and manner. Polemically one could go further and compare "jolly jack" with the more subdued tommy, or men of the merchant service, marines and coastguards with their corresponding services on land. They are disciplined but not stupidly restricted, they obey orders but ignore the nonsense which circumvents so much of our lives.

The sea demands her freedom, demands to be rid of raiders, pirates, incendiarists, wreckers. But she gives freedom, too, to those who serve her.

Unforgettably from peace-time comes the recollection of any sailing from a home port. It was like coming out of a stuffy meeting in a little hall, and climbing a windy hillside. You drove down, following countless signs and instructions, were stopped perhaps because you had not a mirror on the car or a letter of your number-plate was chipped. You parked the car in the space allotted, and were then told to shift it to the other side by a car park attendant. You could not get a drink before going on board, because it was not "opening time". You spent half an hour with customs and passport officials. Then you went on board. And at once, though the ship was still in port, you were conscious of the change. People behaved differently. There was a holiday look on their faces, as though the ship were a school train on breaking-up day. And as she went out to sea you were actually conscious of an overwhelming sense of being free.

Freedom of Action.

Quite what gave you that it would be hard to say. The fact of the great distances lying about you, perhaps; the knowledge that in every direction there were many miles of open water. Or the almost continuously open-air life of a passenger. Or the fact that for a time your daily job was suspended. But more than any of these, I think, was the positive freedom of action of a man on board ship. There were no police, no inspectors of this and that, no official questioners, no licenses or licensing laws, no "hours," and very few regulations. Stewards only called a passenger's attention to a rule if his disregard of it inconvenienced others. You could receive no mail—laden with questionnaires, forms to fill in, public notices, or what not. There were no land rates or water rates, no town councils, no lord mayors, no police courts or county courts, no solicitors—unless one was on holiday—no excise men, no gaols, no threats. Yet, strange as it would seem to the devotees of all those things, life proceeds in a perfectly orderly and co-operative manner. With all that impedimenta removed, people lived cheerfully, tolerantly, harmlessly, for the few weeks during which the ship was at sea.

What then? Can it be that the anarchists are right, and that man is good and left to his own devices will prove it? Perhaps not quite that. But certain it is that the less he is badgered the more he will obey.

Seamen themselves are conscious of their own good fortune. And as they are risking their lives now to preserve the freedom of the seas as Roosevelt and Churchill understand it, freedom in the greater sense from mine and submarine, so they would fight to keep the more personal liberty of their own life afloat, down to its tiniest privilege. The Royal Marines, for instance, alone among the armed forces, have gained the privilege in this war of wearing their battle-dress without gaiters. That small liberty they will never give up. For like all seamen they know the value of the small liberties in the struggle for the greater.

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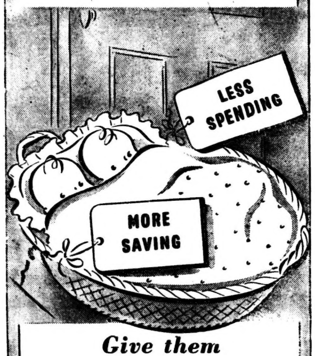

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AMATEUR BUILDING

SHOCKS AN INSPECTOR

The worst piece of building he had ever seen was described at Margate police court on Wednesday by Mr. J. Rattray, the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Mrs. Maude Benbow, of Middleton-avenue, Hove, was summoned for contravening two building by-laws by failing to submit plans and specifications of an addition to 158 High-street, Garlinge, and by erecting walls which were not of the required thickness.

The Town Clerk, Mr. P. T. Grove, explained that the house was the last of a row known as Forge Cottages, the other six having been demolished by order of the Council in 1937. That house was the subject of a demolition order but as it was purchased by an ex-service man of the last war it was allowed to remain, subject to certain conditions. It had had various owners since and recently was purchased by the defendant, who had completed an addition to it.

"The addition as constructed contravenes 12 by-laws," said the Town Clerk, "and I could have taken out 12 summonses. We have very little power of supervision in these days. With the help of a common enemy, we have damaged property in the borough, and if people want to patch up damaged houses with additions or modifications without plans being submitted it will become a very serious matter. The Corporation are not vindictive in this matter. The woman has spent a lot of money which will be of no use to her, because it will be necessary to remove this building under the powers we have. Since 1937 this house has seriously deteriorated and there will be justification for proceedings to be taken for the demolition of the place as a whole."

Mr. Rattray said that after the other houses had been demolished, No. 158 became very damp and the owner had to find other accommodation. The addition wall which he saw being erected was the worst piece of building work he had ever seen. It was seven feet high and was two feet out of plumb. It was definitely the work of an amateur.

Mr. W. A. Brown, building inspector to the Corporation, said the outer wall was only four and a half inches thick instead of eight and a half inches as provided by the by-laws. The foundation was not suitable, the brick work was not properly done, no damp course was visible, the wall was out of plumb, there was no coping, the chimney was at roof level instead of three feet above, and the roof covering was not in accordance with the regulations.

Defendant wrote stating that she had done all in her power to do the right thing, and now found it was wrong. Her husband was a semi-invalid as a result of the last war and as the cottage was going cheap she bought it with the help of her son so that her husband could live in it when hostilities ceased. Her husband would sleep in the garden and the addition was intended to be used to store his bed. She could not afford to attend court, her income being only 30s. a week.

Fines of 10s. on each of the two summonses were imposed.

A BOY'S FUTURE

COMMITTEE ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY

Ramsgate magistrates had before them on Tuesday the problem of a boy of 13 who had run wild since the schools were evacuated and for whom no home had been found since he was sent to a remand home in November.

When the boy was first before the juvenile court he admitted 18 cases of stealing and it was stated that his grandparents, with whom he lived, were too old to control him.

On Tuesday the boy was asked how he liked being at the remand home and promptly replied "Quite good, sir."

A report received from the home stated that he had been a good boy in every respect, seemed to be of normal type and should become a useful citizen.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): So you can be a good boy when you want to.

Mr. J. Hackett, School Inquiry Officer, who applied for the boy to be committed to the care of the Education Authority until he was 18, detailed the efforts that had been made to find a home for the lad with foster parents in Stafford but regretted that it had not yet been possible to complete definite arrangements.

The Chairman said the boy could not stay at a remand home indefinitely and the grandfather admitted that he and his wife were too old to look after him although they had done their best.

Granting the application the Chairman said the responsibility for the boy's future now rested entirely upon the education authorities.

Mr. Hackett said they did not want to place the boy haphazard, and it was agreed that he should return to his grandparents, under the supervision of Mr. Hackett, until a suitable home is found for him in the reception area.

At the close of the hearing the boy, who promised not to get into mischief again, thanked the Bench for their kindness to him.

A YEAR'S SAVINGS AT MARGATE

Margate's total net National Savings during 1941 amounted to £289,902.

The figure compares with £330,603 for the previous year but the reduction is partly accounted for by the fact that during 1940 gross and not net deposits were included in the figures for deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The highest monthly total was, of course, in May, when War Weapons Week was held, but in two months only—August and December—did the monthly savings drop below £10,000.

The most popular form of savings was through the Post Office Savings Bank. Net deposits during the year amounted to £92,987 and Savings Certificates to the value of £69,189 were purchased.

The year's effort was assisted considerably by the group savings system. In the four months from September the street groups saved £3,436 2s. through the medium of sixpenny and half-crown stamps.

PULLMANS TAKEN OFF

Pullman cars no longer run on the 8.35 a.m. Victoria to Ramsgate train or on the 1.15 p.m. (Saturdays excepted) and 3.43 p.m. (Saturdays only) trains from Ramsgate to Victoria.

MAN OF MANY MEDALS

ANOTHER AWARD TO RAMSGATE HERO

The award of the King's Fire Service Medal for gallantry to District Fire Officer E. W. R. Morgan, of the London Fire Force, was announced in the New Year Honours List.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morgan, of 73 Grange-road, Ramsgate, and an old boy of St. George's School, D/O Morgan had previously been awarded the British Empire medal and the George medal for gallantry at fires during the heavy raids on London in the autumn and winter of 1940.

D/O Morgan, who has also received the L.C.C. Fire Brigade Silver medal, was awarded the King's medal for his gallantry at a fire at a tenement building in Mornington-crescent, London, in March, when he rescued a woman and her baby from the blazing building. In effecting the rescue he was severely burned and was for some time in hospital.

INFANTICIDE CHARGE

MOTHER SENT TO PRISON

Mrs. Mary Hogben, aged 41, of Gordon-square, Birchington, was indicted on a charge of infanticide at the Central Criminal Court on Thursday.

Committed by the Margate magistrates, Mrs. Hogben was originally charged with the murder of her 11-weeks-old baby, Michael Frederick Hogben, but the charge was subsequently reduced.

Mrs. Hogben was alleged to have told a police officer "I could not look after him and that is what made me do it. . . . He kept crying so I just tied a nappy over his head."

Mrs. Hogben, who altered her plea to one of guilty, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

The prison doctor said Mrs. Hogben's condition had greatly improved while she was in custody and with further treatment she would probably completely recover.

Mr. Justice Askwith said Mrs. Hogben would receive that treatment in prison.

NORMAL EDUCATION

CHILDREN GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Full-time compulsory education began in Ramsgate on Wednesday and over 800 children between the ages of 5 and 14 are now receiving normal education in the town.

It is estmated that the number of children of school age in the town is about 950. Each day sees an increase in the number of children attending school and the figure reached on Wednesday was 802.

In June, 1940, the number of elementary children evacuated from Ramsgate to the reception area was approximately 2,600. About 1,400 children remain in the reception area. Many of the balance of approximately 1,200 have either left school to take up employment or have joined their parents in other parts of the country.

The schools now open in Ramsgate are Ellington Infants' School, St. Augustine's Mixed School, St. Luke's, Christ Church, Dame Janet and Hereson Girls' and Infants' School.

The hours of attendance for infants are 9.30 a.m. to noon and 1.45 to 3.45 p.m. and for junior and senior children 9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and 1.45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At Margate, Westgate and Birchington five schools are now open for half-time education. The number of children enrolled is 673, an increase of 130 on the numbers who took advantage of the home service tuition system.

At Broadstairs, where there is full-time education, 21 boys are attending the Church School and 53 girls and infants the Council School in St. Mildred's-road.

DEANNA DURBIN WEEK

SINGING STAR AT ODEON

The many admirers of lovely singing star Deanna Durbin have a unique opportunity of seeing their favourite at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Comprising a sequence of pictures made by this wonder girl of the screen, the Deanna Durbin Week programme shows, day by day, the rise and growth of Deanna, the "Second World's Sweetheart."

"Six Happy Days with Deanna" is an apt name for this presentation, for perhaps no other screen star in the world has brought so much genuine happiness into a cinema as Deanna.

In that glorious musical feast "100 Men and a Girl" Deanna is busily engaged organising an orchestra and persuading famed conductor Leopold Stokowski to conduct it. In the Swiss Alps locale of "Mad About Music" she "invents" an explorer father—and then gets song-writer Herbert Marshall to play the part. "That Certain Age" finds her with a violent crush on Melvyn Douglas. She is a "Smart Girl" again in "Three Smart Girls Grow Up," and in "First Love," a modernised version of "Cinderella," she has her first grown-up kiss.

FLYING AWARD

WON BY LIBRARIAN'S SON

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Sgt. Obs. Jack Stewart Boucher, R.A.F., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Boucher, of Dingley Dell, Manor-road, Broadstairs, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

After leaving Chatham House, Sgt. Obs. Boucher, whose father is librarian at Broadstairs Public Library, was trained for the teaching profession at Goldsmith's College and before joining the R.A.F. was an assistant master at Hemel Hempstead Grammar School.

While at Goldsmith's he represented London University as a member of the boxing team. He was also a member of Broadstairs Sailing Club.

Three months ago Sgt. Obs. Boucher was married to Miss Edna Masters, a sister at Aylesbury Hospital.

He is shortly expected home on sick leave.

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I am, Yours respectfully,
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Dear Sirs, Farnham, Surrey.
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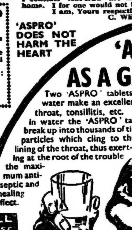

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A YEAR AGO

The Chief Constable and Chief Inspector of Police were cut by flying glass when ten bombs were dropped by a German raider on a shopping centre of a Kent coast town on Saturday afternoon. A number of shops and private houses were damaged and two women, a man and a child were killed. Casualties among shoppers would have been much heavier but for the presence of mind of a constable on point duty who saw the plane before it dropped its load and hustled people under cover. Remarkable bravery was shown by an 11-year-old boy who was trapped for 20 minutes under a partially demolished house.

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First Margate casualty of the war in the East, Gnr. William Jones, of Grotto-road, was reported killed in action while serving with the Royal Artillery in Egypt.

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The award of the Military Cross to Act. Sqn. Ldr. W. Whitney Straight was announced in the New Year Honours List.

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Mr. P. W. Gaskin, Assistant Public Assistance Officer for the North-East Kent area, retired after 46 years' service.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

A statement by the Spanish Premier in regard to the fate of 20 Germans, who left Vigo for Belgium on the sailing vessel Virgen del Socorro, recalls an exciting chase at sea which resulted in the capture of the vessel and the landing of the fugitives at Ramsgate.

In the small hold of the little craft a company of 20 Germans—including officers of distinction—was smuggled out of Vigo to embark on a hazardous attempt to avoid the watchful British Navy. Terrible weather was encountered, and for 12 days the hatches had to be battened down. Nevertheless, the daring adventure nearly succeeded and the party were only caught when safety was in sight while making a bold dash for Zeebrugge.

The vessel was afterwards brought to Ramsgate and the landing of the captives—many of them obviously officers of some importance—occasioned considerable excitement.

Under escort, they were taken for lunch to a restaurant on the front, but although the proprietor has suffered financially to a severe degree through the war he resolutely refused to serve Huns. Eventually the party was taken to a home for the midday meal.

The capture was generally considered to be an important one and one of which the officers and men of Ramsgate Naval Base have reason to be proud.

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Member of a well-known Ramsgate family of soldiers, L/Cpl. Thomas Reginald March, Royal Engineers, of Church-road, has been awarded the Military Medal. It is understood that the decoration has been awarded him for gallantry and devotion to duty before and after the Neuve Chapelle engagement. He is one of six brothers serving in H.M. Forces, most of them having been to the front.

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Mr. J. S. G. Langley has been co-opted a member of Ramsgate Town Council. He received eight votes as against four cast for the ex-Mayoress, Mrs. F. L. Dunn.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

POSTMASTER'S LONG SERVICE

It is seldom indeed that a public official remains in harness so long, and is able to carry out his duties at an advanced age so creditably, as Mr. J. B. Hodgson, respected postmaster at Ramsgate, who has retired from active service after a public career of considerably over half a century. During his long term of office he has seen the population of the town more than doubled, and has contributed much to the development of the place. He has acted as secretary of the Isle of Thanet Permanent Building Society since its establishment 41 years ago, and the benefits secured to many residents through connection with that excellent society have been simply enormous. The changes in the ramifications of the Post Office itself have been very great. When Mr. Hodgson first entered on his duties before the days of telegraphic communication, he had a staff of only four men. Last week, including the sub-districts, he had control over a little army of 150 clerks, postmen, telegraphists, messengers, etc. He has always been esteemed as a kind and courteous gentleman and in the natural sequence of events we have no doubt the citizens of Ramsgate will recognise the life-long services of their postmaster in a tangible manner.

FEAR AND TREMBLING

It is with fear and trembling that we venture even to touch upon the meeting of Ramsgate Council on Thursday. Either the members of the Council are so frightened by the pressmen, or the latter are so awed by the decorous demeanour of the former, that the wheels of municipal life move with jerks and spasmodic bounds. It is indeed all so very comical that we sometimes wish the motion for the admission of the public had been carried, so that some of the innate childishness of the business—or manner of conducting business—might become patent to the great body of ratepayers.

CAPT. BALFOUR

TO OPEN BROADSTAIRS WARSHIP WEEK

The Rt. Hon. Capt. H. H. Balfour, P.C., M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, is to open Broadstairs Warship Week, to be held during the week beginning 7th March.

The Warship Weeks at both Ramsgate and Margate are being held the following week.

GUNNER'S DEATH

FUNERAL OF RAMSGATE TEMPLAR

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Tuesday of Gnr. Albert Isaacs, R.A., who died in hospital in Scotland from bronchial pneumonia on new year's day, aged 37 years.

Gnr. Isaacs, whose home was at 22 Bloomsbury-road, Ramsgate, was a married man with four children. Before joining the Army last year he was employed by a Ramsgate firm of builders. A member of the International Order of Good Templars, he had rendered valuable service to the Sunbeam Lodge, and sympathy with his wife and family has been expressed at meetings of the local lodges.

The funeral service was conducted by an Army chaplain and the coffin was draped with the Union Jack.

The mourners were Mrs. Isaacs (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Fox (sister and brother-in-law), Mr. Jack Isaacs (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Isaacs (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Pottle (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mrs. Friend (sister-in-law).

Floral tributes were received from: Wife; Children; Dad, Floss and Bill; Jess and Tony; Jack and Annie; Arthur and Maud; Dad, Mum, Arthur and Ethel; Maudie, Floss and Kath; Hilda and Reg; Jack, Ivy and family; Mrs. Friend and Vi (Maidstone); Sid and Frances; Convention Lodge, Sunbeam Lodge, Advance Lodge (I.O.G.T.).

KENT'S FIGHTER SQUADRON

When Kent' own fighter squadron takes the air, the leading pilot will fly the plane "Spirit of Kent."

The Minister of Aircraft Production has notified the president of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men that a squadron of Spitfires has been allocated to and named after the county of Kent.

Over £108,000 has been subscribed by Kent, which becomes the first county to have its own fighter squadron.

Every part of the county has played its part in providing the funds to obtain the planes, the names of which are:

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MEN WHO MAKE HISTORY

REAL LIFE DRAMAS AT KING'S

Two outstanding films are included in the programmes at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Rebellion against brutal oppression has been used as the background for "Underground," chief feature for to-day and to-morrow. Oppression and brute force can go just so far before people rebel. Throughout totalitarian nations to-day a vast underground movement is operating and developing and this has been used as the basis for one of the most exciting dramas ever filmed. It tells of brother pitted against brother, neighbour against neighbour, and the strange kinds of love that are born in lands where people are afraid to talk and think. The cast includes Jeffrey Lynn, Philip Dorn and Kaaren Verne. Also being screened is "Pride of the Blue Grass," starring Edith Fellows and James McCallion, the story of a blind racehorse.

Telling the thrilling life story of Julius Reuter, founder and originator of the first world-wide news gathering and news disseminating system, "This Man Reuter" will head the bill for the latter part of the week. The role of Reuter, the man who made the greatest news "scoops" of all time, is played by Edward G. Robinson in what is acclaimed to be the best performance of his career. Edna Best is cast in the role of Mrs. Reuter, who proves to be not only the perfect wife but also his wisest adviser. The film covers the period between 1833 and 1865, jumps from Aachen to Brussels, to Paris, to London, to Crookshaven, to New York, to Washington and back to London again, and presents many characters who not only recorded history but made it. The supporting feature is "River's End," with Dennis Morgan and George Tobias.

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VOLUNTARY SERVICE

ACKNOWLEDGED AT RAMSGATE

The many hours of duty performed entirely without payment by both male and female voluntary part-time personnel at the Newington-road Health Centre first-aid post, Ramsgate, were the subject of a sincere vote of thanks moved by Dr. W. B. Loveless, the medical officer in charge of the post, at a meeting of the paid and voluntary staffs on Wednesday.

Dr. Loveless was supported by Nurse N. Henshaw, the nurse in charge, and by Mr. A. I. Elliott, the leader of the male voluntary staff.

The ten ladies performing voluntary duty during 1941 were Miss M. Andrews (2,323 hours), Miss Joan Wright (151½), Mrs. Kathleen Bartingale (37), Mrs. M. Parsons (95½), Mrs. Edwards (760), Mrs. Jones (127¾), Miss D. Sherridan (202¾), Mrs. Riches (83), Miss Gibb (36), and Mrs. Jean Pattison (48).

The duties performed by the voluntary male staff are notable for the fact that the leader, Mr. A. I. Elliott, has undertaken night duty at the post each night of the past year without exception and in addition has been responsible for the weekly practices and drills carried out by the male personnel during the year. A total of 5,312 hours of duty during 1941 has thus brought his unpaid service to the figure of 7,091¾ hours of duty since 4th September, 1939.

During 1941 850 hours of duty were performed by Mr. A. N. Morton, 671¾ by W. Corfe, 433¼ by A. Overton, 850 by N. W. Waters, 353 by R. Wallington, 193 by H. Carlton, 495 by F. A. Crispe, 68 by A. Pinnock, 84 by E. G. Firrell, 179 by E. Fasham, 150¼ by N. Moses and 181¾ by P. Burton. During the year three members of the voluntary male personnel have been called for service with H.M. Forces and a further three members have been transferred to work of national importance away from the town.

For the coming year it is hoped to carry out duties as in the past with the seven men still available and much appreciation was also expressed of the help given and promised by Mr. W. H. Sinden, the corps secretary to the Ramsgate division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who has given some very helpful "refresher" lectures to the staff at the post on anti-gas precautions and kindred matters.

PRACTICAL COMFORT

MINSTER'S 800 PARCELS

The Minster and Monkton men and women serving in H.M. Forces are constantly in the thoughts of their folk at home.

It was revealed at the annual meeting of the Minster and Monkton Forces War Comforts Fund that 795 parcels had been sent to the 154 men and women of the two villages serving with the Forces. The parcels contained socks, scarves, helmets, gloves, mittens, soap, sweets, books, body belts, handkerchiefs, toothpaste, writing pads and pencils.

As a result of the efforts of the Entertainments Committee, of which Councillor W. Loveday is chairman, a considerable sum of money has been raised and donations from the proceeds include £30 for war comforts, £5 each to the Red Cross, Nursing Association and Parish Hall Fund and £2 2s. to the Canterbury Hospital.

Officials were elected as follows: chairman and treasurer, Major W. Howard; vice-chairman, Councillor W. Loveday; secretary, Mrs. F. Worley; assistant secretary, Mrs. E. Lucas.

FOR HOSPITAL EXTENSION

The extensions appeal fund of Ramsgate General Hospital has reached a total of £10,430 12s. 7d.

Gifts in December included £6 1s. 4d., proceeds of a cheque for 25 dollars received from a friend in East Orange, New Jersey, of an American volunteer bomber pilot serving with the R.A.F. who became a patient at the hospital when his plane was shot down into the sea.

Other donations were: £1, Miss Eliot; 19s. 6d., Mrs. Miller; 6s., Two Evacuees, Essex 5s. 6d., Miss Martin (collection of bun pennies. A fourth annual subscription of £5 was also received from a local laundry.

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EDWARD G. ROBINSON, EDNA BEST in
THIS MAN REUTER
At: 2.9, 4.45, 7.35 (U)
With Eddie Albert, Albert Basserman, Gene Lockhart, Otto Kruger, James Stephenson, Montagu Love
Also Dennis Morgan, George Tobias in
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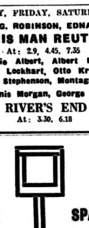

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VISIT TO RAMSGATE

Viscountess Broome, of the British Red Cross, accompanied by Mrs. Fellowes Gordon, a cousin of President Roosevelt, visited Ramsgate on Wednesday, when they inspected the American ambulance which is stationed in the town.

The visitors expressed themselves pleased with the work being undertaken by the ambulance.

BIRCHINGTON

Light in House of Death.—When he was fined £1 at Margate police court on Wednesday for allowing a light to shine from a house in Harold-road, Birchington, at 9.45 p.m. on 19th December, William Kettle, of Canterbury-road, explained that he and his wife had undertaken to see that the house, where a friend of his had died, was all right. They did not know the light was on when they left.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices, Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Street Nuisance.—William George Town, aged 53, fisherman, of Charles-street, Milford Haven, was fined 5s. at Ramsgate police court on Monday for committing a nuisance contrary to public decency in Grundy's-hill on the evening of 21st December.

Whist for Russia.—In aid of veterinary supplies for Russian horses, a non-stop whist drive will be held at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, to-day, at 2.45 p.m. The drive is being held under the auspices of the R.S.P.C.A., with the active support of the Mayor.

West Cliff Dances.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted extensions of the music and dancing license in respect of the West Cliff Theatre until 1 a.m. for a town ball to be held on 27th January and a military ball in aid of the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund on 12th February. Mr. W. G. Love was granted an occasional license on each night from 8 p.m. until 12.30 a.m.

License Transfers.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday consented to the transfer of the license of the Admiral Harvey from Frank Pavey to Reginald Price Rawlings and of the Stag's Head from Percy George Castell to Alice Mary Castell. The temporary transfer of the license of the Queen Charlotte from Albert Joseph Gifford to Walter Sidney Hoskins was also granted. It was stated that Mr. Castell had been called up for service.

First-Aid Post Social.—The Newington-road First-Aid Post, Ramsgate, was seasonably decorated on Wednesday for a successful social. A whist drive at which the prizes were won by Mrs. Pattison, jun., Mr. Sinden, Mrs. Gower and Miss K. Anabona, was followed by a supper, games and competitions at which the prizewinners were Miss J. Andrewes, Mrs. Bishop, Mr. Corfe, Mrs. Moore, Miss Wright, Mrs. Wells, Nurse Henshaw and Miss Carr. Among those present were Dr. Loveless and Dr. Barber. The prizes were distributed by Miss Loveless and the duties of M.C. were capably discharged by Mrs. Britcher assisted by Mrs. Knott. Grateful thanks were expressed to the ladies who in many ways helped to make this the most successful social yet held at the post.

BROADSTAIRS

A Year's Savings.—National Savings in Broadstairs during 1941, apart from the £71,000 raised during War Weapons Week, amounted to £50,235. The success of the savings groups is largely responsible for the excellent result.

Resignations Withdrawn.—The Divisional Food Officer has written to Broadstairs Food Control Committee acknowledging the withdrawal of the resignations of the Food Executive Officer (Mr. E. F. Owen) and his Deputy (Councillor G. W. Lane) and expressing appeciation of the work they have rendered in the past.

The Milk Situation.—When the milk situation was discussed at the December meeting of Broadstairs Food Control Committee the opinion was expressed that preference should be given to persons of advanced age and Dr. R. Riley intimated that he proposed to put the question to the Ministry of Food. The Deputy Executive Officer, Councillor G. W. Lane, informed the committee, however, that he considered this action would be unwise in view of the good supply the district was then receiving.

Returning Templars.—At a meeting of the Star of the East Lodge of Good Templars, held at Broadstairs on Tuesday, an inspiring address given by Mr. C. M. Stonham was based on the words of St. Paul "Forgetting those things which are behind; reaching forth to those things that are before." Solos were rendered by Mrs. G. Glover and a hearty welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Glover and Mr. S. Glover on their return to the town. Among the messages of good wishes received was one from Mrs. M. Daddington in Australia. It was reported that £2 10s. had been raised for the Good Templar Orphanage by the Christmas dinner-table collection.

MARGATE

Fighter Pilot's Car.—At Margate police court on Wednesday Plt. Off. Peter Thomas, R.A.F., attached to Fighter Command, was fined 10s. for failing to immobilise his car in Cecil-square.

Rating Staff.—Consequent upon the calling-up of Mr. E. G. Farndon, clerk in the Rates Department of Margate Corporation, Mrs. V. O. Clarke has been appointed temporary clerk at a salary of 40s. a week.

Functions Transferred.—The functions of the Sands Station Site Sub-committee of Margate Town Council are to be transferred to the Post-War Restoration and Development Sub-committee. Councillor G. A. Abbott has been appointed a member of the Development Sub-committee.

Building Inspector's Salary.—Margate Town Council in committee have confirmed a recommendation of the Staffing and Salaries Sub-committee that the salary of Mr. W. A. Brown, Building Inspector, should be increased from £280 to £300 per annum as from 1st December last.

Funeral of Mrs. M. Bonner.—The funeral takes place at Margate to-morrow (Wednesday) of Mrs. Mabel Bonner, widow of Mr. Ernest Edwin Bonner, formerly of Westgate-on-Sea, who died at 41 Ashford-court, Cricklewood.

WE ARE SO SIMPLE

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A MINISTER FOR MUGS

My aunt Dorcas liked her sons to be neat and well-dressed.

So she went through their clothes carefully from time to time; and when an article looked comfortable (that was the way her family put it) she gave it away, or made floor-cloths of it.

One evening her son Joe came down to dinner looking as if he should immediately be fitted with a safety-valve, and demanded from the dining-room: "Where is my grey tweed overcoat?" The dining-room said nothing; but my aunt Dorcas replied soothingly: "It was very old and shabby, dear, so I gave it to a poor man at the door in exchange for a lovely little plant with pink flowers that I don't know the name of. Would you like to go into the breakfast parlour and see it?" Joe said he would not, because his purse with two pounds fifteen had been in the pocket of the coat. It was nearly worth the money to him when he learned, two days later, that the plant was a plant all right, seeing that it had been broken off a bush and had no roots. My Uncle Sam, who had paid Joe fifty-five shillings, told her the name of the plant, then; several names, in fact

Common Tricks that Come Off.

I know now that the trick is a common one, and takes in scores of women every year. But why didn't my aunt Dorcas know, then? Why are we all not warned by the authorities about the common tricks by which, in every city, hundreds of scoundrels live? Why are we not freed from these minor pests, many of them more noxious than the man with the flower-pot?

Why is there not a Minister for Mugs, to publish a series of pamphlets of warning that should be made obligatory reading in every school? It would save decent foolish people thousands of pounds each year, and ultimately save the Government thousands of pounds keeping these rascals in jail when they're caught.

If my young nephew Bob had read such a book at school he wouldn't have parted with a shilling to the easy-mannered gentleman who addressed him by name a few evenings ago. He said Bob had forgotten him (he'll remember him next time) and gave a few reminiscences suited to nearly any normal life. Bob's girl was waiting a few yards away. He nearly parted with her, later, when she laughed at him, and told him what a mug he'd been. But better men than Bob are taken in daily with tricks standardised by generations of successful use.

In High Places and Low.

Why is this allowed to go on? We have propaganda in war-time; why not in time of peace? Why are we not taught to detect swindlers and humbugs in high places as well as in low, on boards of directors, on government and even on opposition benches? Democracy will never be safe till we are. The job of our Minister of Mugs will be with everybody.

An animal has instinct to protect it. We've shed that, and developed nothing else in its place. Our cat sat on the hot plate of the electric cooking-stove the day it came. She has never done so since. Europe sat on a pretty hot plate 27 years ago; and yet she's sitting on a far hotter one now. The Spanish Treasure Swindle, the Confidence Trick were old when I was young. They're worth thousands to scoundrels every year still. But these are exotic plants. How many ordinary people are fit to invest money, or buy a house, or even rent one? All these activities are set about with traps. Why aren't folk warned?

Then there are the little humbugs that beset domestic life. Take teacups. Hot tea is a delightful thing; but, if it spills, the tablecloth drinks it. Yet most teacups are shallow tea-coolers, and inverted cones; and their handles seem made to be broken off. I've yet to meet the teapot—especially the restaurant teapot—that will pour without spilling when it's even three parts full. Flower vases are often flower-catapults, and bomb the other side of the drawing-room if you walk across the floor. And if your wife isn't in the room when this disaster happens, and you, her loving husband, gather up the chrysanthemums and thrust them back into the accursed (you've attended to that) vase, she's sure to spot the lily pool in the carpet when she comes in. Then she tells you the exact degree of your dexterity with your hands and feet; and you tell her the kind of woman that buys contrivances like that; and the mercury of love drops whang down to zero.

Daily Absurdities.

Then there are bottles. Someone has said that the mustard manufacturers pay their dividends with the mustard that is left behind on plates. Some other manufacturers must pay at least part of their dividends out of the amount of their commodities that is left in the necks and shoulders of bottles. Why have the women who did away with crinolines and bustles and tight-lacing not freed themselves from these absurdities, too, and from dozens of others?

Why, to sum up all these instances, have we no commonsense? Because we are not educated to perceive the truth and to make accurate deductions from it even when we do perceive it. Because we have too much respect for authority and tradition, and too much fellow-feeling for frauds. Because most of our education is disguised propaganda for misleading emotion.

We buy goods not because they are what we desire but because they are skilfully thrust upon us. We learn history not to acquire facts but to stimulate racial pride and vanity. Let us finger our noses to vested interests, and unflinchingly test alleged facts. Such a course may bring us to a hot plate again, do you say? It can't be much hotter than the one we're on now.

RETAINING COUNCIL STAFF

The staff of Margate Corporation is likely to be further depleted by the call-up for the Forces.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) has reported to Council in committee on the procedure to be adopted if deferments are sought and the heads of the various departments of the Corporation have been authorised, after consultation with the chairmen of the committees concerned, to make application for deferment of their staffs, including manual workers or other employees, where such applications are considered to be desirable.

AFTER 25 YEARS

HUSBAND AND WIFE PART

Married 25 years ago this year, Mrs. Susan Winifred Kate Ellis, applied to Ramsgate magistrates on Friday for a maintenance order against her husband, Sidney Kenneth Ellis, stated to be a station officer in the fire service, formerly of Effingham-street, Ramsgate, and now of Broadstairs.

Mr. E. C. Allfree (Messrs. Robinson and Allfree), who appeared for Mrs. Ellis, said he had received a letter from Messrs. Emery and Hoppit, solicitors acting for the husband, stating that they had no objection to an order being made for the payment of £1 5s. a week.

Applying for an order for that amount by consent, Mr. Allfree said the last payment Mrs. Ellis received was £1 on 22nd November. The proceedings were the culmination of considerable correspondence which had failed to arrive at a settlement.

The parties, it was stated, were married on 26th May, 1917, and the two children were both over 16 years of age.

The Bench made an order for the payment of £1 5s. a week, by consent, and granted an application by Mr. Allfree for £2 2s. costs in addition to 9s. 6d. court fees.

THEIR MANY WEAPONS

HOME GUARD'S THOROUGH TRAINING

Weapons with which the Home Guard are issued include pistols, service rifles, light and medium machine guns, automatic rifles, Thompson sub-machine guns, flame throwers, Northover projectors and other anti-tank weapons.

Every man in the Home Guard is trained to use some or all of these weapons, with the exception of the anti-tank weapons in which specialists are trained. The Home Guard is, moreover, trained to use not only the weapons with which they are issued, but also those which they may pick up on the battlefield after they have been abandoned by the enemy.

Now for a word about the special training Home Guards receive in the use of their weapons. In pistol shooting Home Guards are taught that the best results are obtained if the hand holding the weapon is brought up to the centre of the body, the position of the feet being immaterial. They are taught also to fire their weapons from the hip from point-blank range to 10 yards. At greater distances there is not enough accuracy to warrant the expenditure of ammunition.

Tommy Gun Practice.

Home Guards are trained to fire the Thompson sub-machine gun ("Tommy" for short) from the shoulder, with a rough alignment of sights; and also from the waist, aiming by sense of direction. Six practices are necessary to become expert with the "Tommy" gun, a close-quarter weapon with which great accuracy can be obtained at ranges up to 50 yards.

The practices include firing single rounds and bursts. One consists of firing two bursts of five rounds in eight seconds at a target 20 yards distant. With the Browning automatic rifle, Home Guards are trained on a 200 yards range in a lying position. In the final practice the target is exposed for 40 seconds at a time and after ten single shots the last five rounds are fired in a burst.

The Home Guard are trained to throw bombs and grenades, the latter consisting of high explosive, smoke signal and incendiary grenades. The high explosive grenade can be thrown a distance of about 30 yards. Practice in throwing live high explosive grenades is carried out on grenade ranges under qualified instructors. Men are taught that accuracy is of greater importance than distance when throwing grenades.

Once a satisfactory swing and a reasonable standard of accuracy have been attained, practice with dummy grenades is carried out to teach the importance of throwing high from cover and in a lying posture, when the thrower, behind cover, aims his grenades at shell holes or circles marked on the ground.

The Northover projector is a weapon used for hurling the heavier grenades or incendiary bottles against a tank attack; this, with the medium machine gun and other secret anti-tank weapons, is not an individual weapon but is used by teams.

Another very important weapon that may be used by the Home Guard in the future is the anti-aircraft gun, and already there are units training for the role of A.A. gunners. One of these went into action on Merseyside for the first time on Saturday night.

ROLL OUT THE PAPER

BIG DRIVE IN PROGRESS

A large Corporation freighter, to which had been fitted a loud speaker and microphone, and on the sides of which were slogans urging people to even greater efforts, made its appearance in the streets of Ramsgate on Monday.

The freighter was beginning a house-to-house collection in connection with the effort to bring to the district a share of the prizes offered in the January waste paper contest.

Ramsgate's target for the month is 200 tons of waste paper and cardboard and to achieve this aim an average of 1lb. per head of the population will have to be collected daily.

MARGATE CHILDREN HELP

At Margate the elementary schools are helping in the collection, the children being asked to bring all the waste paper they can find and place it in sacks. They are holding a competition of their own—without prizes—to see which school can collect most. Housewives who have not already done so can obtain sandbags from their dustman in which to place all their odd pieces of paper.

The amount of paper recovered from house and shop refuse at the refuse destructor is clear evidence that, despite the many appeals, many people are not taking the trouble to save paper separately.

MARGATE PETTY OFFICER SAFE

News has been received that P/O W. E. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of 29 Nash-road, Margate, who was serving on H.M.S. Kandahar, which was sunk recently in the Mediterranean, is safe.

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW

A heavy fall of snow in the Straits of Dover was reported during the week-end.

RAMSGATE'S LOSS

DEATH OF MR. BERNARD BILLINGHAM

Less than a week after he was taken ill, Mr. Bernard Billingham, of 8 Cannon-road, Ramsgate, passed away at Ramsgate General Hospital early on Wednesday morning.

Sixty-four years of age, Mr. Billingham, who had carried on business as an accountant for the past 27 years, was one of Ramsgate's best-known professional men and his passing will be mourned by a wide circle of friends in all parts of the country.

He rendered his greatest public service as a member of the Rotary movement. He was a past president of Ramsgate Rotary Club and had attended Rotary conventions in all parts of the country and also on the Continent.

A Londoner by birth, Mr. Billingham was one of a family of five brothers and one sister. He began his business life as a member of the clerical staff of the firm of Messrs. Thomas White and then joined the accountancy department of the Swift Beef Company. He was afterwards with the accountancy department of Messrs. R. and J. Hills, tobacconists, and then for two years had a business appointment abroad. During this time he visited every town in France and Switzerland of over 10,000 inhabitants, and many were the interesting stories he could tell of his experiences during that time.

Saved by Dr. Ramsgate.

On returning to England Mr. Billingham received an appointment as assistant manager of the First Avenue Hotel, High Holborn. Following a breakdown in health, he was given three months to live and it was then, 31 years ago, that he came to Ramsgate.

In 1909 Mr. Billingham came to Ramsgate to reorganise the accountancy department of Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd. He served with the firm until 1913, when he acquired Mr. Faley's accountancy practise, which he had carried on ever since.

For a number of years Mr. Billingham was a director of "The East Kent Times" Ltd., and during the years of the last war played a prominent part in the management and production of the newspaper. From 1914 to 1918 he was also Deputy Registrar for Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Mr. Billingham was a director of the old Ramsgate Football Club and as a keen angler was secretary for some time of the Royal Ramsgate Fishing Club.

Together with Mrs. Billingham, who has always been of the greatest assistance to her husband in all his business and social interests, he played a prominent part in the revival of the Ramsgate Operatic and Dramatic Society following the last war. In addition to carrying out a large part of the business work in connection with the society he also took part in the presentation of "The Gondoliers" and "The Pirates of Penzance."

In any work he undertook Mr. Billingham put all his energy and this was exemplified in his interest in Chatham House School. For some time he was president of the School Parents' Association.

A Man Without an Enemy.

Bernard Billingham was a man without an enemy. His charming disposition and genial nature brought him a very wide circle of friends who were always sure of a warm welcome at 8 Cannon-road. He was excellent company and there were few to equal him as a raconteur. His wide experience of life both in this country and abroad provided him with an almost inexhaustible fund of reminiscence and it was a delight to listen to him.

Club life in Ramsgate has lost one of its most popular members by his passing. A good billiards and snooker player in his younger days, he was a prominent member of the Ramsgate Club and it grieved him when the club had to be closed owing to the war.

A sportsman in every sense of the word, he had an extensive knowledge of boxing and was one of the most enthusiastic members of Ramsgate Amateur Boxing Club. For many years he never missed the A.B.A. championships at the Albert Hall.

Ever since its inception Mr. Billingham had been president of Ramsgate Bridge Club. The members never thought of electing another president. He was a man of infinite tact and any organisation over which he presided could not fail to be harmonious. When the war came the club membership dropped from 40 to half a dozen. He loved his game of bridge and the remaining members were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Billingham each week at their home.

For many years Mr. Billingham had not enjoyed good health and several times since he had been in Ramsgate he had been gravely ill. He bore his illness with amazing fortitude and few knew the extent to which he suffered. His cheerfulness seemed to be inexhaustible and he had a happy way of imparting it to others.

Although he was a man of such varied interests, Mr. Billingham's home was the centre of his life and he was in excellent spirits when friends joined with him in welcoming the new year. The following day he had to take to his bed for what proved to be his last illness. The shock of his passing was softened by the knowledge that his end came peacefully and that those who were dear to him were by his side.

To Mrs. Billingham and to his son, Mr. Ken Billingham, the deepest sympathy will be extended.

Funeral Tributes.

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Saturday, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. H. Bailey, M.C., Rector of Broadstairs, a fellow member with Mr. Billingham of Ramsgate Rotary Club.

Paying tribute to Mr. Billingham at an impressive little service in the Cemetery Chapel, Mr. Bailey said "We can commit our old friend's body to the ground and his soul to God with much thankfulness for his friendship and warm heart. And for the example he has been to us of service before self, and for his good fellowship and good company.

"The delightful hospitality he showed to the members of the Forces during the last months was typical of his life. Our sympathy with those who were dearest to him is the greater as we remember how closely they were associated with him in his acts of kindness when he was alive. For we are sure that they will still be associated with him in the same service now that he has passed on.

"And surely we can commend him with hope to Him who Himself came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and who said 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me'."

The mourners were Mr. K. B. Billingham (son), Mr. Charles Billingham and Mr. Walter Billingham (brothers), Mr. W. Hunt (brother-in-law), Mr. L. Hogbin, Mr. J. Meldrum, Mr. L. Rengert, Mr. J. Piggott, Mr. H. Young, Mr. S. W. Smith, Mr. E. S. Hussian, P/O Fleming and S/B/A Slack.

Others present at the cemetery included the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler), Inspr. Swendell and Messrs. R. H. Ruthven, G. H. Edwards, C. C. Beardon, H. T. Laslett, S. H. Winter, G. Kiy, T. White, J. Lilwall, W. Pearse, C. B. Crump, W. R. Noble, T. W. Mockridge, J. Summers, J. H. Robinson, J. Blinko, A. Vincent and T. Setterfield.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths received from: Elsie (widow); Catherine, Kenneth and grandson John; Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan John; Kate and Amanie; Juniors, Iris, Doreen, Eileen, Jean, Jim, Michael; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lanfear; Sidney W. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Sharp; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Summers; Mrs. E. A. Stock; Mr. and Mrs. George Kiy; John Olby; Win, Bert and S. R. Port; T. W. Mockridge and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mockridge; Mr. H. Epps; Mrs. Woodhall; Officers, Committeemen and members, Oddfellows' Club and Institute; Frank, Ada and Freda; The Ramsgate Club; Leslie and Ruby; Harry and Jenny Page; Dot and John; Mr. and Mrs. H. Page; Elsie and Miss Bratton; The office staff of Page's Dairies Ltd.; Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilson and family; Ernest Spencer-Payne; E. S. Hussian; Louie and George; No. 12 District Inner Wheel Clubs; Jim and Ethel; E. H. Swendell, Edward and Pauline; Mr. and Mrs. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Sharman; Harold and Win; Inner Wheel Club of Ramsgate; Staff, R.N. Sick Quarters; Rotary Club of Ramsgate; Steward, Stewardess and Paddy, the Oddfellows' Club, Ramsgate; Leslie Rengert; J. N. Keen; Albert and May; Mrs. E. A. Siminson and Madge; J. H. Skitt and A. Vincent; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Flowerdew; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knight; A. C. Kelson and P. R. Kelson; Messrs. Holness and Ovenden; Miss Bourne, John and all at 14 Cannon-road; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Edwards; Wal and Florrie; Ivy and Ethel; E. J. Warren; Harold and Gladys; Mrs. Harrison and family.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Walter J. Austen, of Hereson-road, Ramsgate.

BORSTAL TREATMENT

YOUNG SOLDIERS SENTENCED

Committed for trial by the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate, Pte. Albert Ernest Payne, aged 18, and Pte. Ronald Desmond Knight, aged 17, were indicted at the Central Criminal Court on Thursday on charges of stealing apples, value ninepence, the property of Countess Ida Mary De Lucovich, at Broadstairs, and breaking into Hill Rise, Crow-hill, Broadstairs, and stealing articles to the value of £1 8s. 5d.

Both defendants were sent to Borstal for three years.

In the case of Payne three other cases were taken into account and in the case of Knight ten other cases.

MINSTER.

Traders' Salvage Scheme.—At a meeting of Minster Parish Council on Tuesday it was reported that a traders' salvage scheme was being oganised for Minster, Monkton and St. Nicholas by Messrs. R. C. Mander, J. Cornelius, W. Packham and Mrs. M. M. Ashlee.

Full-time School Again.—Minster Parish Council on Tuesday decided to approach the managers of the local schools with a view to the resumption of full-time education. The Chairman, Councillor G. M. Norton, said there were over a hundred children of school age in the district who were at present receiving only a few hours' education a week. Councillor the Rev. T. A. Keniry said the Kent Education Committee were now in agreement with the schools in evacuation areas being re-opened.

Wedding.—The wedding took place at Goodnestone Parish Church on 3rd January of Mr. Victor Ronald Foster, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Foster, of Monkton-road, Minster, and Miss Lucy May Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, of Nash-cottages, Nash. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ivory satin gown with veil and orange blossom and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. Waite), and Mr. George Foster, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Paper Saved.—The Chairman, Councillor G. M. Norton, reported to Minster Council on Tuesday that about two tons of waste paper had already been collected in the village.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Benefield.—6th January, at Paignton, Devon, the wife of L. E. Benefield, late of Elketon, London-road, Ramsgate, of a son.

Froud.—5th January, at Nellen, Clements-road, Ramsgate, the wife of R/S/M S. Froud, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Barnes—Bowers.—5th January, at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, Arthur Albert Barnes, of Fulham, to Ella Ruby Christina Bowers, of Broadstairs.

Frank—Wells.—3rd January, at St. John's Church, Herne Bay, William George Franks to Lilian May Wells, both of Margate.

Pettman—Ashley.—5th January, at St. Mary's Church, Gillingham, Albert Charles Pettman, E.R.A., R.N., of Margate, to Joyce Peggy Ashley, of Gillingham.

Solly—Lewis.—3rd January, at St. John's Church, Margate, by the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, P/O W. F. Solly to Amelia Frances Lewis, both of Margate.

DEATHS

Billingham.—In the early hours of Wednesday, 7th January, at Ramsgate Hospital, Bernard Billingham, of 8 Cannon-road, Ramsgate, passed peacefully away, aged 64 years. No mourning by request.

Dyer.—11th January, at Farningham House, Minster, near Ramsgate, Henry Dyer, aged 79 years.

Holmes.—9th January, at Kelso House, Worcester-road, Sutton, Surrey (also of Breeze Holm, Broadstairs), Elizabeth Jane, beloved elder daughter of the late T. Weekes Holmes, and Elizabeth J. Holmes.—R.I.P.

Hutton.—4th January, at Hawkhurst, George Warren, dearly-loved husband of Elizabeth Hutton, passed peacefully away after much suffering, aged 61. Late of 7 Northwood-road, Ramsgate.

Isaacs.—1st January, Gnr. Albert Isaacs, R.A., of 22 Bloomsbury-road, Ramsgate, aged 37 years.

Mascall.—4th January, Emma Ashenden Mascall, late of 17 Duncan-road, Ramsgate, aged 94 years.

Porcher.—5th January, at 33 Avenue-road, Ramsgate, Oliver James Porcher, aged 27 years.

Stead.—3rd January, at Chatham, Louisa Ann Stead, late of Ramsgate, aged 89 years.

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